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In Memoriam.

MISS MINNIE COPE

was born February 4, 1875, and died October 7, 1906, at Nazareth. She was active in the Sunday School, and for a number of years the leading soprano in the choir of the Nazareth Church. She joined the Society in 1899.

THE RT. REV. HENRY JACOB VAN VLECK

was born in the city of Philadelphia, January 29, 1822. He departed this life, at Gnadenhütten, Ohio, December 5, 1907, aged 85 years, 10 months and 6 days.

He was the only one of the four children born to Bishop William Henry Van Vleck and his wife Ann Eliza Kampmann Van Vleck, who survived the years of early childhood. During the year of his birth his father was called from his Philadelphia pastorate to that of the Moravian Church in New York City. In 1833, Henry entered Nazareth Hall as a pupil in his eleventh year. He entered successively the Preparand and the Theological Seminary classes, and graduated with the Theological class of 1841, at Bethlehem.

After a three years' tutorship in Nazareth Hall, he entered upon a period of service as Parochial School Principal which covered the years from 1844 to 1866. Four of these years he served at Salem, and sixteen at Nazareth. In 1848 he was his father's traveling companion when the latter attended as a Delegate the General Synod which convened at Herrnhut, in that year.

In 1866 he entered upon a period of pastoral service which covered 24 years. He served in the pastorates of South Bethlehem, Pa., Gnadenhütten and Fry's Valley, Ohio, for eight years in each pastorate, when he retired from active service, continuing to reside at Gnadenhütten.

July 11, 1850, he married Sister Augusta S. Bear, of Bethlehem. This union was blessed with seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters sur-

vive their parents. Sister Van Vleck was called home in May, 1907.

During his service in the Gnadenhütten pastorate, he was elected, in 1878, at the Synod at Hope, Ind., a member of the Provincial Elders' Conference; and at the Synod of 1881, at Bethlehem, he was elected and consecrated a Bishop of the church, an office which had been filled by his grandfather, Jacob Van Vleck, as well as by his father, William H. Van Vleck.

His family ancestors came to America in 1658, so that the Van Vleck family history in this country covers a period of 250 years. The first Van Vleck who came to America was named Tielman or Tillman Van Vleck (also spelled van Vleck and von Fleck). He was a native of Holland, who came with his wife and family to New Amsterdam by way of Bremen, Germany. He was the first Sheriff of the town of Bergen, now Jersey City. His son, Isaac, was the father of Abraham, who was the father of Henry Van Vleck, the New York merchant who joined the Moravians in 1750. Henry Van Vleck was the father of Bishop Jacob Van Vleck.

His years of retirement from the active pastorate (1890-1907) were characterized by the same spirit of service that marked the years of his activity as teacher and pastor. He was never an idle man. He assumed from time to time temporary charge of Moravian churches in Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. He was very helpful as a preacher in supplying pulpits in his own, and in sister denominations. The record of his service in Ohio, which covers a period of (1874 to 1907) thirty-three years, is one of a simple life of holy service. He made for himself and maintained a place in the affectionate veneration of old and young, in all his relations as a clergyman, as a citizen, and as a neighbor.

M. W. SCHNEEBELI

was born at Bethlehem, Pa., May 8, 1865, and his parents moved to Nazareth the following year. He was confirmed on Palm Sunday, 1879, in the Moravian Church at Nazareth, by the Rev. Wm. H. Rice. About that time he entered the employ of J. J. Unangst; later he spent two years at Akron, Ohio, as a clerk in a dry goods store. In 1890 he became associated with L. F. Kraemer & Co., of Reading, and spent one year in South America in

their interests. Upon his return he became selling agent for the firm in the West and in 1896 took charge of their sales office in New York. On September 9, 1886, he was married to Miss Jennie Walter, of Easton, and one son, Walter, was born to them on October 2, 1888. Since his marriage he had lived in Easton, Pa. In July, 1906, a cancerous growth developed on his neck, and although operated on with apparent success, the malady returned more malignantly, and he was removed to a New York hospital, and lingered there until death ended his sufferings on December 21, 1906. He was a member of the Moravian Church until his marriage, when he joined the Lutheran Church at Easton, of which his wife is a member. He became a member of the Society in 1888.

JOHN CENNICK HARVEY

was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 4, 1839. His parents were English Moravians, his father, Thomas Richard, from London; his mother, Georgina Septima Andras, from Bath. The latter sprang from an old family in Southeastern Europe, the same to which Count Andrassy, the great Austrian statesman belonged. In England, the Andras were Moravians in the early days, and the personal love her ancestors bore to John Cennick led to his name being given to her father and then to her first born at his baptism in the old Fulton Street Church on the Christmas after his birth. This name is also borne, for like reason, by a cousin and by his son, in Illinois.

John Cennick Harvey grew up under the influence of the Moravian Church in New York during Brother David Bigler's pastorate and received his early education in his good mother's excellent private school for children on Brooklyn Heights. In 1852 he entered Nazareth Hall, where he became a member of the "Preparand" class, which migrated successively from the old "Cottage" to the "Sisters' House," to the "Whitefield House" at Ephrata, and, as a class of Theological students after 1857, to the old Seminary building on Church Street, Bethlehem, in 1858, completing its course in 1859.

He was confirmed with his classmates in the old church on the square in Nazareth, Palm Sunday, April 5, 1857, by Brother W. L. Lennert. While a student at Ephrata, he with his class-

mates participated in the organization of the Moravian Historical Society, in Brother H. J. Van Vleck's school room, and continued an interested member throughout his life.

During the ideal student years at Ephrata, he developed his love of manual and horticultural work, which imparted zest to his closing years thirty years later. Useful as well as pleasant work was done in the amateur carpenter shop in the lower log-house on the green and in the garden behind the main building, for the benefit of the premises and of the commissariat of the little academic republic, and afterwards on the grounds on Church Street in Bethlehem.

Loyal to his Alma Mater, he served as a teacher in Nazareth Hall until physically disabled. After 1861 he led a busy and useful life in home and office and church, in Brooklyn, until 1887, when a new home was established in Glen Ridge, N. J. He was always a faithful and efficient member of the Moravian Church in Brooklyn, from its inception, for many years as Superintendent of the Primary Department in the Sunday School, and as a Trustee, notably at critical times, as at the erection of the present church parsonage, up to the day of his death.

Diligence and thrift enabled him to contribute, quietly and unostentatiously, to many causes of the Church; and, finally with his surviving brother, to provide the Moravian College and Theological Seminary with the Harvey Memorial Library, the corner-stone of which was laid October 3, 1907.

Patiently and laboriously as he had planned and prepared this labor of love, he was not spared to see its consummation. Not without premonition, yet unexpectedly, and after only a few hours of collapse, his earthly life came to its end, on Monday evening, March 18, 1907.

On the following Friday morning he was buried, beside parents and sister, in the Moravian Cemetery at New Dorp, Staten Island, the Rev. Dr. M. W. Leibert leading the service and the pastors, at Brooklyn, New Dorp and neighboring churches assisting.

His interest in public affairs of the community and country was always lively and intelligent, and those who knew him well held him in high esteem and regard. His life and work afford honor to the influences of Moravian training in home and church.

ROBERT HEYSHAM SAYRE

was born in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1824, and died at South Bethlehem, January 5, 1907. He was the son of William H. and Eliza Kent Sayre. His father was in business in Philadelphia and in 1828 moved to Mauch Chunk. He entered an engineering corps in 1840 and was engaged on the Morris Canal. Later he was with the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company in making extensive repairs after the flood of 1841, and was also instrumental in building numerous feeders into the anthracite coal region. In 1852 he became Chief Engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad and three years later was appointed General Superintendent. In 1882 he was engaged as President of the South Pennsylvania Railroad. But when that work was abandoned he returned to the Lehigh Valley Railroad as Second Vice-President. He was also connected with the Bethlehem Iron Company as Vice-President and General Manager. He was one of the Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital and of Lehigh University. Mr. Sayre was actively interested in many local and charitable institutions and was a liberal supporter of all sorts of local movements for the furtherance of historical investigation. He became a member of the Society in 1901.

THE REV. FRANCIS FLORENTINE HAGEN,

son of John Joachim and Susan Lick Hagen, was born in Salem, N. C., October 13, 1815. He was educated in Moravian schools and was a student in the Moravian College and Theological Seminary from 1830 to 1835. From 1837 to 1841 he was employed as teacher at Nazareth Hall, and from 1841 to 1844 followed other pursuits. He was ordained deacon September 19, 1844, at Salem, N. C., and presbyter on November 30, 1851, at the same place. He served the following congregations as pastor: Bethania, N. C., 1844 to 1851; Friedland and Mt. Bethel, N. C., 1851 to 1852; Friedberg, N. C., 1852 to 1854; York, Pa., 1854 to 1861; The Provincial Elders' Conference, 1861 to 1867; New Dorp, N. Y., 1867 to 1870; York, Pa., City Mission, 1870 to 1875; temporary pastor Easton, 1888 to 1889. In retirement he lived successively in Bethlehem, Philadelphia, York, and finally Lititz, where he died July 7, 1907. He was a prolific writer

on Moravian Church History, his most extensive work being "Old Land-Marks of Faith and Practice of the Moravian Church." He was also an hymnologist and musician. His best known musical composition is "Morning Star." He became a member of the Society in 1857.

ALICE HAVERSTICK BRICKER.

Alice H. Bricker was the oldest daughter of the late John R. and Anna (Haverstick) Bricker, of Lititz, Pa. She was born in the old Bricker homestead, at Warwick, June 30, 1870. After attending the public schools of Warwick, she was graduated from the Lititz High School in 1882. She was also a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School and of Cornell University, where she took honors in 1898. She taught school at Terre Hill, Ashbourne, Philadelphia, Pa., and Belleville, N. J. For two years she served as principal of the Lititz public schools and taught one year at Linden Hall Seminary. For four years before her death, she was a teacher of languages in the Brooklyn, N. Y., public schools. In the summer of 1891 she visited Germany and made a special study of languages. She died November 12, 1906. She became a member of the Society in 1900.

HARRY CHARLES BROCKMAN,

who was born in Nazareth, December 11, 1868, was a descendant of one of the old Moravian families in Nazareth, his grandmother having been Araminta E. Wenhold, a daughter of John Jacob and Maria Salome (Beitel) Brunner. He was married to Miss Florence Knauss, daughter of The Rev. F. W. Knauss, a minister of the Moravian Church, who died in Nazareth, July 15, 1872. He joined the Society in 1888, and was much interested in it, rendering efficient assistance at the Annual Vespers. He departed this life in a hospital in Philadelphia, on the 27th day of September, 1907.

WILLIAM H. KINGKINGER,

son of the late Daniel and Rebecca (Cassler) Kingkinger, was born February 27, 1838. Although he united with the Society in 1907, departing this life the same year, he had for a number of years rendered valued service at the annual Vespers of the So-

ciety, and whenever possible, assisted the officers in various ways in arranging the display in the museum. He died October 4, 1907.

MRS. ANGELICA BEITEL,

daughter of Andrew Gottfried Kern, one of the original members of the Society and well known as an antiquarian. Her mother was Sarah (Lichtenthaeler) Kern, who, previous to her marriage, had held important positions in the church in Lititz and Bethlehem. She was born in Nazareth, March 10, 1843, and was married to Edward C. Beitel. After having resided in Elizabeth, N. J., for a number of years, she returned to Nazareth, and her interest in the Society and its work having revived, she united with the same in 1903. She departed this life March 5, 1908.

CHARLES EDWIN MICHAEL

was a descendant of one of the original families in Nazareth, his parents being Gotthold Benjamin and Elizabeth (Moore) Michael. His grandfather, Christian Samuel Michael, was born in Kienhausen, near Erfurt, Germany, and came to this country in 1795, locating here and uniting with the congregation at Nazareth. As a skilled musician he had served in Barby, Germany, and continued to render valuable assistance after his arrival in Nazareth. Charles Edwin Michael was born in Nazareth, May 25, 1843. During the civil war he was in the army for some time. Later he occupied important positions in the church and the community, being postmaster of the town during two successive terms, a member of the Board of Trustees of the church during more than twenty-five years, and President of the board for a considerable time; a member of the trombone choir for more than twenty-five years, until failing health obliged him to withdraw. He was deeply interested in the history of the church, and, having joined the Society in 1869, held various offices in the same during the greater part of the time. He departed this life, July 15, 1908.

THE REV. GILBERT BISHOP

was born at Bethlehem, March 20, 1817, was educated at the Moravian Parochial School and became a cabinetmaker. He removed to Salem, North Carolina, and thence in 1841, he went

to Indian Territory, to assist in the Indian Missions. While laboring there, in 1845, he received written license to serve as Deacon, from Bishop W. H. Van Vleck, by authority of the Provincial Conference. In 1862 he was compelled to leave the Territory, in consequence of the havoc caused by the Civil War. From then on he lived in Bethlehem, engaged in secular pursuits. He was twice married, first to Margaret Morris, who died in 1846, second to the widow, Clarissa (Kern) Warner, who died in 1902. He became a member of the Society in 1864, and died September 27, 1907.

CHARLES H. EGGERT

was born at Bethlehem, May 2, 1831, his parents being Benjamin and Maria (Freytag) Eggert. He was educated in the Moravian Parochial School and later graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, served as a clerk in several stores in Bethlehem and Philadelphia, and finally opened a drugstore of his own in the latter city. In 1868 he moved to Bethlehem where he remained for the rest of his life, and was constantly identified with the interests of the congregation. From 1874 on he was secretary of the Central Sunday School; from 1878 he was a member of the Board of Elders; and since 1892 Chief of the corps of Sacristans. He became a member of the Society in 1869 and died November 16, 1907.

THE RT. REV. J. MORTIMER LEVERING, D.D.,

was born February 20, 1849, at Hamburg, Hardin County, Tennessee, while his parents, Lewis and Sophia (Hauser) Levering, originally from North Carolina, were on their way to Edward County, Ill. His childhood was spent in West Salem, Ill., and his boyhood in Olney, whither his parents removed in 1856. He entered the Moravian College and Theological Seminary in 1870. He graduated, June, 1874, was tutor at Nazareth Hall for a few months, and was appointed first pastor at Uhrichsville, O., beginning that work January 3, 1875. He was united in marriage to Martha Augusta Whitesell, June, 1876. In 1879, he was called to Lake Mills, Wis., and in 1883 began his long pastorate at Bethlehem. His consecration to the Episcopate took place during the Synod of 1888. From 1901 to 1903 he resided in the Whitefield House at Nazareth and completed his monumental "History of Bethlehem." And from then on until

the time of his death he was President of the Provincial Elders' Conference. Bishop Levering's activities were so numerous that it is almost impossible to characterize them in a short article. His keen liturgical instinct was repeatedly appealed to in the revision of the editions of our German and English hymn books. His careful study of the history of the American church and his painstaking researches in the archives of the Bethlehem congregation made him, without doubt, the most accurate historian of Moravian affairs in America. Numerous short contributions of various kinds on the files of this Society and other organizations, many historical addresses, and his "History of Bethlehem," form the bulk of his published material. He became a member of the Society in 1884 and was President of the Society from 1895 to his death. He died April 4, 1908.